

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6860

Petitions of Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc.     )  
(VELCO) and Green Mountain Power Corporation     )  
(GMP) for a certificate of public good, pursuant to     )  
30 V.S.A. Section 248, authorizing VELCO to     )  
construct the so-called Northwest Vermont     )  
Reliability Project, said project to include: (1)     )  
upgrades at 12 existing VELCO and GMP     )  
substations located in Charlotte, Essex, Hartford,     )  
New Haven, North Ferrisburgh, Poultney, Shelburne,     )  
South Burlington, Vergennes, West Rutland,     )  
Williamstown, and Williston, Vermont; (2) the     )  
construction of a new 345 kV transmission line from     )  
West Rutland to New Haven; (3) the reconstruction     )  
of a portion of a 34.5 kV and 46 kV transmission line     )  
from New Haven to South Burlington; and (4) the     )  
reconductoring of a 115 kV transmission line from     )  
Williamstown to Barre, Vermont –     )

Order entered: 12/16/2004

**ORDER RE MOTION TO RECONSIDER**

On November 24, 2004, the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") issued an Order granting a motion to reconsider and allowing the admission of previously stricken portions of the testimony of Robert Blohm. On November 30, 2004, Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. ("VELCO") filed with the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") a "Motion to Reconsider the Public Service Board's November 24, 2004 Order Permitting the Admission of Previously Stricken Testimony of Robert Blohm and Allowing New Testimony Regarding NERC Planning Standards." VELCO argues that the Board's November 24 Order presents an undue hardship due to the short time allowed parties to respond to Mr. Blohm's testimony. Further, VELCO contends that the Board erred by allowing Mr. Blohm's sponsoring parties to perform redirect

examination on an exhibit introduced by VELCO, but which VELCO did not use to cross-examine Mr. Blohm. No party filed comments on the motion.<sup>1</sup>

Although no party has filed an opposition to VELCO's motion, we deny the motion. VELCO's motion does not offer any rationales that the Board has not previously considered. As we stated in our November 24 Order, Mr. Blohm's testimony provides an opportunity for this Board to explore more fully the relevance of the North American Electric Reliability Council standards, without undue disruption to the schedule. For these reasons, we stand by our November 24 Order.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.

<u>s/Michael H. Dworkin</u>	)	
	)	PUBLIC SERVICE
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<u>s/David C. Coen</u>	)	BOARD
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	)	OF VERMONT
<u>s/John D. Burke</u>	)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: December 16, 2004

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson

Clerk of the Board

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1. The Department of Public Service did file a letter with the Board on November 30, 2004, objecting to the Board's November 24 Order. However, we do not interpret this letter as a motion to reconsider, and as the Department's letter was filed concurrently with VELCO's motion, we do not construe the Department's letter as a response to VELCO's motion.